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GROUP ART UNIT: 3629

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In re Application of:

Gerrit Bleumer

SERIAL NO.:

09/728,741

EXAMINER: Edward R. Cosimano

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TITLE:

"FRANKING METHOD AND APPARATUS"
AMENDMENT "B"

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Commissioner for Patents

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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TOTAL CLAIMS	*16	MINUS	**21	X 2	() X 9.00 () X 18.00	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	*2	MINUS	3	X	() X 40.00 () X 80.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				() YES () NO	() \$135.00 () \$270.00 ONE TIME	
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- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2005, Applicant herewith amends the application as follows.